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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANIMAL EXHIBITION,
INCLUDING COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION

SUBCHAPTER A:
GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION

1. **Background:** This document provides the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's (Department) animal health requirements and recommendations for all animal exhibitions (shows) in the Commonwealth, including Pennsylvania county and community fairs. This document is divided into Requirements and Recommendations for both Pennsylvania animals and animals arriving from out of state for each species. The Requirements listed in this document are mandated by law. The legal basis for these recommendations can be found at the end of the document in Subchapter D. Recommendations are not legally mandated but are based on best practices and the scientific judgement of the state animal health officials. Fairs are strongly encouraged to adopt these recommendations. Fairs may impose more stringent rules than the requirements in this document at their own discretion. All exhibitors are encouraged to check with the management of each fair in advance to ensure compliance with all fair requirements. While this document is designed for organizations receiving funding through the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act (act of July 8, 1986, P.L. 437, No. 92)(3 P.S. §§ 1501- 1510), this document serves as a reference for all animal exhibits as defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Act (3 Pa.C.S. §§ 2501-2504). These requirements and recommendations are a shared responsibility of show management and exhibitors to protect public and animal health in the Commonwealth.

2. **Important information regarding poultry exhibition cancellations:** Due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) detections in the Commonwealth, a signed General Quarantine order went into effect on April 16th, 2022. The order, titled 52 Pa. B 2223 General Quarantine Order; Cancellation of Exhibition of Poultry and Their Hatching Eggs Due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, prohibits the display, exhibit, or presence of poultry, poultry products, including eggs, poultry parts or any goods or items containing or made up of poultry products such as feathers, or poultry parts at any exhibitions or other such venues within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which receive funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act 3 P.S. § 1501 et seq.

The quarantine order does not prohibit a fairgrounds from leasing the facilities for a private poultry show. Although this is not prohibited by the order, it is discouraged, especially in poultry-dense areas such as Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester, and Adams, York, Lehigh, Berks, Snyder, Northumberland, Juniata, and Union counties, or in any location near a commercial poultry facility. If avian influenza was identified in a bird that was at one of these private shows, the tracebacks would be extensive and could result in many flocks being quarantined and possibly infected. The fairgrounds would also have to be quarantined pending virus elimination on the grounds. For private events that do not meet the definition of "Animal Exhibition" under the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Act, pre-entry testing for avian influenza, continuous health monitoring of the birds, and stringent biosecurity protocols are recommended. Records of entries should be retained for two years and made available to the Department upon request if needed for traceability.

No poultry exhibitions regardless of their funding, association, or venue may occur within a 10 km control zone of a premises infected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza pursuant to Pa. B. 2597 General Quarantine Order, Virus Control for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Poultry, Poultry Litter, Conveyances, Feed, Refuse, Containers, and Material Standards, published Saturday April 30th, 2022. Current control zone proximity may be checked at the Department's Control Zone Address Checker on the Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System (PADLS) website by clicking on the following link: [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(arcgis.com\)](https://padeptag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a9066a3d68a443a08043766cb84bf4ae) or by typing directly in the search bar: <https://padeptag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a9066a3d68a443a08043766cb84bf4ae>.

3. Changes for poultry and poultry products in 2024: These 2024 *Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animal Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition*, will reference the April 16, 2022 General Quarantine Order; Cancellation of Exhibition of Poultry and Their Hatching Eggs Due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza or its successor Order, which may allow for limited exhibition of poultry and poultry products at venues that receive funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act referenced above, provided that the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania.

If there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania, the exhibition of market poultry which will be moved directly to slaughter, unfertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers may be allowed, at the Department's discretion. The Department will provide notification to fair managers if any active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones are in place in Pennsylvania at the beginning of the 2024 fair season and will provide updates throughout the season as necessary. The placement of a HPAI control area or surveillance zone in Pennsylvania will result in the immediate reinstatement of the prohibition of exhibition for all poultry and all poultry products.

4. Exhibition of arts and crafts using poultry feathers may be allowed at the Department's discretion. The Department will provide notification to fair managers before the 2024 fair season begins and will provide any updates as necessary throughout the season as necessary. Poultry feathers, including shafts and down, may be allowed for arts and crafts at exhibitions if they meet the following requirements:

- (a) Shall be sourced and packaged in the United States or meet United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) import requirements.
- (b) Shall be washed or steam-treated and dried before packaging.

5. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). This is an official document issued by a federal, state, tribal, or accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals identified on the document have been inspected and were found to satisfy the regulations pertaining to their intended movement—*within the same state, between states, or internationally*.

- (a) CVIs are required for all swine, both from out-of-state and from in-state, and out-of-state camelids, cattle, cervids, equines, goats, sheep, and rabbits. For in-state camelids, cattle, cervids, equines, goats, sheep, and rabbits, these guidelines list a CVI as recommended. A CVI serves as verification of animal ID, an attestation of health, an attestation of a Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR), and documentation of applicable vaccination and testing.
- (b) The parameters for a CVI are included under the standards for veterinary accreditation, which are set by the USDA and are in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which can be

referenced at the following link: eCFR: 9 CFR 161.4 -- Standards for accredited veterinarian duties.

- (i) Per the CFR, a veterinarian may write a CVI if they have *examined an animal within the last 10 days* (unless the veterinarian is doing qualifying regular herd/flock checks; see the CFR for details.)
 - (ii) **Per the CFR, once a veterinarian issues a CVI, the CVI expires after 30 days.**
 - (iii) A CVI should be written for only one destination. However, multiple CVIs (one for each destination) can be written within 10 days after the inspection/examination of the animals.
 - (iv) CVIs issued by an accredited veterinarian are legal documents and shall only be issued if the animal is not showing clinical evidence compatible with the presence of a communicable disease upon inspection and/or examination.
 - (v) A copy of the CVI is provided to the owner, and the appropriate remaining CVI paper copies, regardless of if they are completed for interstate or intrastate movement, must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health at 2301 N. Cameron St. Harrisburg, PA 17110. Alternatively, electronic CVIs may be used.
- (c) An accredited veterinarian may not complete a CVI that does not meet USDA standards.
- (d) A Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR) form may be used to verify animal ID and provide an attestation of a VCPR. VCPR forms do not have the 30-day expiration that is federally mandated for CVIs.
- (e) All swine for exhibition must be accompanied by a CVI that was issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian within the 30 days prior to the date of the animal exhibition.

6. Verification of Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR): The Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law requires attestation that a VCPR exists for **all animals** to be exhibited. This attestation states that the owner or caretaker of the animal has assumed responsibility to consult a veterinarian and has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian in relation to animal diseases and implementing best management practices intended to reduce and prevent disease. This requirement can be fulfilled by any of the following means:

- (a) A Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR) form with a veterinarian's signature (see Subchapter D).
- (b) A statement for the animal(s) being exhibited with a signature of the owner or caretaker on the fair registration form: "I attest and affirm that a "VCPR" exists with regard to any animals I will be exhibiting." (This statement does not replace the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a CVI where required).
- (c) A valid CVI.
- (d) For poultry and poultry products, this requirement may be fulfilled by the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement (see Subchapter D).

7. Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement—Poultry: For allowed market poultry, unfertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers being exhibited, a completed Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement must accompany the market birds, eggs, or feathers for entry into the exhibition premises. This is an official form provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

8. Other recommendations for exhibitors: The Department strongly recommends that animals returning home from exhibitions be isolated from other members of the herd or flock for a minimum of

three weeks to help prevent the spread of disease and recommends that exhibitors of all animals discuss the health of their animals, including vaccine recommendations and other preventative measures, with a veterinarian on a regular basis. Owners and their veterinarians should carefully check and comply with additional requirements specific to each exhibition prior to the exhibition to ensure eligibility. The Department also encourages livestock and poultry owners to register their premises with the Department so they can be contacted in a disease emergency situation. Call 717-787-4172 to register a premises.

9. Reporting of suspected dangerous transmissible diseases: Please call the Department immediately to report any suspicions of diseases such as avian influenza, foot and mouth disease, African swine fever, and other transmissible diseases. The contact number is: **717-772-2852**, option 1, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Reporting of signs and symptoms that are consistent with a dangerous transmissible disease is legally required by the Domestic Animal Law (3 Pa.C.S. § 2327).

10. Interstate and intrastate movement of domestic animals: It is illegal, under section 2323 (related to health requirements) of the Domestic Animal Law, to "...knowingly, recklessly or negligently import or bring into this Commonwealth without written permission of the department any domestic animal that is contaminated with a hazardous substance or that is infected with or that has been exposed to any transmissible disease...or bring into this Commonwealth any domestic animal in violation of any of the provisions of [the Domestic Animal Law], an order entered under the authority of [the Domestic Animal Law] or an attendant regulation to prevent the introduction of any transmissible disease...or have in his keeping or possession any domestic animal imported, brought into or transported within this Commonwealth in violation of any of the provisions of [the Domestic Animal Law] or to allow any such domestic animal to come into contact with any other domestic animal." (3 Pa.C.S. § 2323(a) and (b)).

11. Biosecurity guidelines: It is recommended that Exhibition Managers follow the *Biosecurity Guidelines for Exhibition Managers*, included in Subchapter D, and provide exhibitors with a copy of *Keeping Your Show Animals Healthy-Biosecurity Guidelines for Exhibitors*, included in Subchapter D.

SUBCHAPTER B: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW COMPLEX

1. Rabies vaccination requirements: There are rabies vaccination requirements for vaccine-eligible animals exhibited at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex ("complex"). For all animal exhibition events held at the complex, animal species for which a rabies vaccine is labeled for use shall be vaccinated prior to exhibition in the complex. All age-eligible animals of those livestock species must be vaccinated according to label directions within the 12 months preceding entry to the event at the complex. For example, feeder/prospect class animals would be required to be vaccinated to be exhibited and return home. For animal species in which there is not a rabies vaccine product labeled for use (e.g., camelids, goats, swine), extra-label use of a vaccine is at the discretion of the exhibitor's veterinarian.

All rabies-vaccinated animals exhibited at the complex must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate consistent with the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) guidelines, or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI or Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR) form. The vaccine product administered, serial number, date of vaccination, and name of the veterinarian who performed the vaccination should be listed with the official ID of the animal(s) or the name(s) and written physical description(s) and on the CVI or VCPR.

2. Identification (ID): There are ID requirements specific to the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. Cattle, swine, sheep, and goats must be identified with a 15 digit 840 ISO-compliant RFID ear tag. The only exception to this will be for cattle who were identified using a 900 series 15-digit ISO-compliant tag placed before January 1, 2015. No other exceptions will be granted. A person exhibiting at the complex shall distinguish between 840 tags with RFID capabilities versus 840 tags that do not have those capabilities prior to placing identification in an animal that is to be exhibited. Questions about ID should be addressed to the Department at 717-884-1613.

**SUBCHAPTER C:
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Section 1: Pennsylvania Camelids

I. Requirements:

The Department has no specific requirements for Pennsylvania camelids at fairs.


II. Recommendations:

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (valid for 30 days after the date of issue) OR a VCPR Form to verify animal ID.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI or VCPR Form.
3. Individual official identification (ID) include any of the following:
 - (a) A United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-issued National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tag .
 - (b) A 15-digit Animal Identification Number ear tag starting with "840".
 - (c) An ISO-compliant 15-digit microchip.
4. For animals without any of the ID options listed in number 3 above, the animal's name and a description should be included on the CVI or VCPR Form. Description should include the animal's color, sex, breed, and any distinguishing markings. A photo may accompany the CVI or VCPR Form.

Section 2: Out of State Camelids

I. Requirements:

1. A CVI issued within the 30 days prior to the date of importation.
2. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS): This applies to camelids entering Pennsylvania from states that experienced a Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak in the last 12 months. In these cases, an accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this CVI have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals have neither been exposed to VS nor located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."

3. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
4. Individual official identification (ID) include any of the following:
 - (a) A United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-issued National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tag .
 - (b) A 15-digit Animal Identification Number ear tag starting with "840".
 - (c) An ISO-compliant 15-digit microchip.
5. Tuberculosis Testing Requirements:
 - (a) No test is required for animals originating from states or zones designated as accredited free by the USDA.
 - (b) All animals originating from states or zones designated modified accredited advanced by the USDA must be test negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation. The negative test results and dates of tests must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original report is acceptable).
 - (c) All animals originating from states or zones designated modified accredited by the USDA must originate from herds in which all animals 12 months of age and older are test negative within the 12 months prior to the date of importation and the individual animals (all ages) to be imported are also test negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation and at least 60 days after the negative whole herd test was completed. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original test report is acceptable).
 - (d) All camelids shall comply with the Department's "Interstate Order of Quarantine; Tuberculosis Testing Requirements for Importation of Cattle, Bison, Goats or Camelids" [49 Pa.B. 709, Saturday, February 16, 2019).

II. Recommendations:

All out of state camelids must meet all criteria listed above as "requirements". The Department has no additional recommendations to prevent the introduction of contagious disease from out of state camelids.

Section 3: Pennsylvania Cattle

Prohibitions and requirements for exhibition of dairy cattle: The prohibitions and influenza A testing requirements as described in sections I. and II.3. below will be in effect if a case of influenza A in dairy cattle has been confirmed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and until Pennsylvania has been declared free of influenza A in dairy cattle by the State Animal Health Official.



I. Prohibition of exhibition of dairy cattle:

1. Dairy cattle from a premises on which dairy animals are showing clinical signs of infection with influenza A virus are prohibited from entering an exhibition. Clinical signs may include a decrease in feed consumption, with a simultaneous decrease in rumination and rumen motility; respiratory signs including clear nasal discharge; and subsequent acute drop in milk production. Additional clinical signs may include abnormal tacky or loose feces, lethargy, dehydration, and

fever. Severely affected cattle may have thicker, concentrated, colostrum-like milk or produce no milk at all. Animals showing clinical signs compatible with infection must be cleared by the State Animal Health Official.

2. Dairy cattle which have been on a premises where influenza A virus has been confirmed in dairy cattle are prohibited from entering an exhibition until that premises has been declared free of disease by the State Animal Health Official.
3. Dairy cattle which have been on a premises where influenza A virus has been confirmed in domestic birds are prohibited from entering an exhibition until that premises has been declared free of disease by the State Animal Health Official.
4. Dairy cattle which have been on a premises which is located within a three-kilometer area of a premises where influenza A virus has been confirmed in domestic birds are prohibited from entering an exhibition until the State Animal Health Official has declared that area as free of disease, based on epidemiological investigation and surveillance testing.

II. Requirements:

1. Official identification is required for sexually intact cattle. Official identification includes any of the following:
 - (a) A USDA issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag .
 - (b) A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840" .
2. ID requirements specific to the Farm Show Complex:
 - (a) All cattle entering the complex must be identified with a 15 digit 840 ISO-compliant RFID ear tag.
 - (b) The only exception to this will be for cattle who were identified using a 900 series 15-digit ISO-compliant tag placed before January 1, 2015. No other exceptions will be granted.
 - (c) A person exhibiting at the complex shall distinguish between 840 tags with RFID capabilities versus 840 tags that do not have those capabilities prior to placing identification in an animal that is to be exhibited.
3. Influenza A testing requirements:
 - (a). The dairy animals shall have been part of a biosecure assembled group for a period of at least 30 days prior to the date of sample collection in accordance with subsection (b). below. New animals may not have been added to the herd or group within the 30-day period preceding the date of sample collection, or after the date of sample collection and before movement.
 - (b). Individual dairy animals 18 months of age and older shall be tested within the seven days prior to entry into the exhibition.
 - i. Lactating dairy animals—A milk specimen shall be collected for testing in accordance with the provisions of this section from each lactating animal. Milk specimens shall be collected in a manner that is in accordance with National Veterinary Service Laboratory (NVSL) guidance to the testing National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.
 - ii. Non-lactating dairy animals—Nasal swabs shall be collected for testing in accordance with the provisions of this section from each non-lactating animal. Nasal swabs shall be collected in a manner that is in accordance with NVSL guidance provided to the testing NAHLN laboratory.

(c). Milk specimens and nasal swabs shall be collected and submitted by or under the supervision of an accredited veterinarian (category II). The accredited veterinarian collecting or supervising the collection of the diagnostic specimens shall have a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) with the owner or caretaker of the animal.

(d). Each specimen or sample collected and submitted under this section shall be tested for influenza A virus using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing and protocols approved by NVSL.

(e). Testing of all specimens or samples collected and submitted under this section shall be performed at a NAHLN laboratory. The individual specimens shall not be pooled by the accredited veterinarian (category II) or any person other than at the NAHLN laboratory testing the samples.

(f). All dairy cattle arriving at an animal exhibition shall have been tested in accordance with this section and shall have a negative or not-detected test result. The laboratory test report, or a copy of the report, shall accompany each dairy cow to the animal exhibition and shall be made available to the holder or staff of the animal exhibition and any Department employee.

(g). *Exemptions:* Dairy cattle less than 18 months of age are not required to be tested for influenza A virus prior to exhibition.

4. See rabies vaccination requirements in the General section for animals exhibiting at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex.

III. Recommendations:

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (valid for 30 days after the date of issue). A current VCPR Form may also be used to verify animal ID. In addition to the identification for sexually intact cattle, steers and spayed heifers should be identified with forms of ID consistent with # 1 in requirements above.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older (observe appropriate slaughter withdrawal time).
4. Rodeo: It is recommended that Pennsylvania-origin rodeo cattle of all ages be negative on an official tuberculin test within 60 days prior to the start of the fair unless they are members of and originate from an accredited tuberculosis-free herd. The cattle can be accompanied by the negative test report, or the tuberculosis test results can be recorded by the veterinarian on a CVI.

Section 4: Out of State Cattle

I. Prohibition of exhibition of dairy cattle:

1. Dairy cattle from a premises on which dairy animals are showing clinical signs of infection with influenza A virus are prohibited from entering an exhibition. Clinical signs may include a decrease in feed consumption, with a simultaneous decrease in rumination and rumen motility; respiratory signs including clear nasal discharge; and subsequent acute drop in milk production. Additional clinical signs may include abnormal tacky or loose feces, lethargy, dehydration, and



fever. Severely affected cattle may have thicker, concentrated, colostrum-like milk or produce no milk at all. Animals showing clinical signs compatible with infection must be cleared by the State Animal Health Official.

2. Dairy cattle which have been on a premises where influenza A virus has been confirmed in dairy cattle are prohibited from entering an exhibition until that premises has been declared free of disease by the State Animal Health Official.
3. Dairy cattle which have been on a premises where influenza A virus has been confirmed in domestic birds are prohibited from entering an exhibition until that premises has been declared free of disease by the State Animal Health Official.
4. Dairy cattle which have been on a premises which is located within a three-kilometer area of a premises where influenza A virus has been confirmed in domestic birds are prohibited from entering an exhibition until the State Animal Health Official has declared that area as free of disease, based on epidemiological investigation and surveillance testing.



Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the date of importation.
2. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS): This applies to cattle entering Pennsylvania from states that experienced a Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak in the last 12 months. In these cases, an accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this CVI have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals have neither been exposed to VS nor were located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
3. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
4. Federal regulation (USDA) requires individual official animal identification for all cattle of any age for exhibition.

Acceptable animal identification for dairy cattle includes any of the following:

- (a) A USDA issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag .
- (b) A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840" .

Other bovine animals must be identified with any of the following:

- (a) A USDA issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag .
- (b) A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840" .
- (c) Brands registered with a recognized brand inspection authority and accompanied by an official brand inspection certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or Tribal animal health authorities; or
- (d) Tattoos and other identification methods acceptable to a breed association for registration purposes, accompanied by a breed registration certificate, when agreed to by the shipping and receiving State or Tribal animal health authorities.

5. ID requirements specific to the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex: All cattle entering the complex must be identified with a 15 digit 840 ISO-compliant RFID ear tag. The only exception

to this will be for cattle who were identified using a 900 series 15-digit ISO-compliant tag placed before January 1, 2015. No other exceptions will be granted. A person exhibiting at the complex shall distinguish between 840 tags with RFID capabilities versus 840 tags that do not have those capabilities prior to placing identification in an animal that is to be exhibited.

6. Tuberculosis testing requirements:

(a) No test is required for animals originating from states or zones designated as accredited free by the USDA.

(b) All animals originating from states or zones designated modified accredited advanced by the USDA must be test negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation. The negative test results and dates of tests must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original report is acceptable).

(c) All animals originating from states or zones designated modified accredited by the USDA must originate from herds in which all animals 12 months of age and older are test negative within the 12 months prior to the date of importation and the individual animals (all ages) to be imported are also test negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation and at least 60 days after the negative whole herd test was completed. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original test report is acceptable).

(d) All cattle shall comply with the Department's "Interstate Order of Quarantine; Tuberculosis Testing Requirements for Importation of Cattle, Bison, Goats or Camelids" [49 Pa.B. 709, Saturday, February 16, 2019).

(e) **Special Tuberculosis Test requirement for Rodeo Cattle.** All rodeo cattle and bison from out of state shall be negative on an official tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entering Pennsylvania unless they originate from and are members of an Accredited Tuberculosis-free herd within an accredited Tuberculosis-free state or zone. This requirement for rodeo cattle from out-of-state is in addition to all other requirements listed above for out-of-state cattle.

7. Influenza A Testing requirements:

(a). The dairy animals shall have been part of a biosecure assembled group for a period of at least 30 days prior to the date of sample collection in accordance with subsection (b). below. New animals may not have been added to the herd or group within the 30-day period preceding the date of sample collection, or after the date of sample collection and before movement.

(b). Individual dairy animals 18 months of age and older shall be tested within the seven days prior to entry into the exhibition.

i. Lactating dairy animals—A milk specimen shall be collected for testing in accordance with the provisions of this section from each lactating animal. Milk specimens shall be collected in a manner that is in accordance with National Veterinary Service Laboratory (NVSL) guidance to the testing National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.

ii. Non-lactating dairy animals—Nasal swabs shall be collected for testing in accordance with the provisions of this section from each non-lactating animal. Nasal swabs shall be collected in a manner that is in accordance with NVSL guidance provided to the testing NAHLN laboratory.

(c). Milk specimens and nasal swabs shall be collected and submitted by or under the supervision of an accredited veterinarian (category II). The accredited veterinarian collecting or

supervising the collection of the diagnostic specimens shall have a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) with the owner or caretaker of the animal.

(d). Each specimen or sample collected and submitted under this section shall be tested for influenza A virus using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing and protocols approved by NVSL.

(e). Testing of all specimens or samples collected and submitted under this section shall be performed at a NAHLN laboratory. The individual specimens shall not be pooled by the accredited veterinarian (category II) or any person other than at the NAHLN laboratory testing the samples.

(f). All dairy cattle arriving at an animal exhibition shall have been tested in accordance with this section and shall have a negative or not-detected test result. The laboratory test report, or a copy of the report, shall accompany each dairy cow to the animal exhibition and shall be made available to the holder or staff of the animal exhibition and any Department employee.

(g). *Exemptions:* Dairy cattle less than 18 months of age are not required to be tested for influenza A virus prior to exhibition.

8. Rabies vaccination requirements: See rabies vaccination requirements in the General section for animals exhibiting at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex.

II. Recommendations:

1. While tattoos and brands are acceptable, NUES tags or 840 AIN tags are preferred
2. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older (observe appropriate slaughter withdrawal time).

Section 5. Pennsylvania Cervids

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) program participants and temporary exhibition sites: Contact the Department (717-772-2852 or 717-787-4944) for specific requirements for exhibition of CWD-susceptible cervids to remain in compliance with CWD programs.

I. Requirements:

1. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes any of the following:
 - (a) A legible and unique tattoo approved by the Department or USDA.
 - (b) A USDA-issued ear tag bearing a unique number provided by USDA that utilizes one of the following numbering systems:
 - (i) The National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES).
 - (ii) The Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag bearing 15 digits starting with "840".
 - (iii) The premises-based numbering system using a Premises Identification Number (PIN) in conjunction with a livestock production numbering system.
 - (c) An electronic implant device, such as a microchip that utilizes a nationally unique 15-digit animal identification number starting with "840" provided an appropriate reader is immediately available wherever the animal is located.

II. Recommendations:

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (valid for 30 days after the date of issue). A current VCPR Form may also be used to verify animal ID.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. Fair management is requested to provide contact information of owners of all cervids which are exhibited to Jody Boyer at the Department within 7 days of the last day of the exhibition (717-787-4944 or jboyer@pa.gov).

Section 6: Out of State Cervids

I. Requirements:

1. All CWD-susceptible cervid species (including blacktail deer, elk, moose, mule deer, red deer, reindeer, sika deer, whitetail deer, and hybrids): A written importation permit is required from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Call Jody Boyer at 717-787-4944 between 8 AM and 4 PM weekdays. Call for a permit at least 30 days in advance.
2. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the date of importation. The CVI shall confirm that the cervid originates from a herd that has been classified as "Certified" in a government administered CWD herd certification program with components as determined by 9 CFR Part 55.24.
3. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS): This applies to cervids entering Pennsylvania from states that experienced a Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak in the last 12 months. In these cases, an accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this CVI have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals have neither been exposed to VS nor located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
4. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
5. Two forms of individual ID are required for CWD-susceptible species. One form of identification listed below is required as official animal identification. The second device may be either a second form of official animal identification or a form of individual animal identification which is unique to that animal within the herd, and which is linked to the CWD database. Non CWD-susceptible species require only the official form of identification; a second form is not required. Consultation with the Department on currently acceptable forms of identification is strongly recommended when anticipating importation of cervids. Official ID includes any of the following:
 - (a) A legible and unique tattoo approved by the Department and USDA.
 - (b) A USDA-issued ear tag, bearing a unique number provided by USDA that utilizes one of the following numbering systems:
 - (i) The National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES).
 - (ii) The Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag bearing 15 digits starting with "840".
 - (iii) The premises-based numbering system using a Premises Identification Number (PIN) in conjunction with a livestock production numbering system.

(c) An electronic implant device, such as a microchip that utilizes a nationally unique 15-digit animal identification number starting with "840" provided an appropriate reader is immediately available wherever the animal is located.

6. Brucellosis testing requirements:

- (a) All sexually intact cervids 12 months of age and older are test-eligible.
- (b) If the animal is from a brucellosis certified-free herd, no further testing is required. The date of the most recent herd test and test results must be included on the CVI.
- (c) If the animal is from a brucellosis monitored herd, it must be brucellosis test negative within the 90 days prior to the date of importation. The date of the test and the test results must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by the laboratory test report (a copy of the test report is acceptable).
- (d) If the animal is from a herd with no brucellosis status, it must be brucellosis test negative within the 30 days prior to the date of importation. The date of the test and the test results must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by the laboratory test report (a copy of the test report is acceptable).

7. Tuberculosis testing requirements:

- (a) Cervids of all ages are test-eligible.
- (b) If the animal is from a tuberculosis accredited herd, no further testing is required. The date of the most recent herd test and test results must be included on the CVI.
- (c) If the animal is from a tuberculosis monitored or Qualified Herd, it must be tuberculosis test negative within the 90 days prior to the date of importation. The date of the test and test results must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original test report is acceptable).
- (d) If the animal is from a herd with no tuberculosis status, it must be test negative on two consecutive tuberculosis tests conducted at least 90 days apart, with the last test conducted within the 90 days prior to the date of importation. The date of the tests and test results must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by the negative test reports (copies of the test reports are acceptable).

II. Recommendations: Fair management is requested to provide contact information of owners of all cervids which are exhibited to Jody Boyer at the Department within 7 days of the last day of the exhibition (717-787-4944 or jboyer@pa.gov).

Section 7: Pennsylvania Dogs

I. Requirements: Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required for all exhibition dogs 12 weeks of age and older. All rabies-vaccinated dogs shall be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate consistent with the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) guidelines. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

II. Recommendations:

- 1. All animals are free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases.
- 2. Identification, including a collar with a name plate bearing the name and address of the owner, and a microchip.

Section 8: Out of State Dogs

I. Requirements:

1. Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required for all exhibition dogs 12 weeks of age and older. All rabies-vaccinated dogs shall be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate consistent with the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) guidelines.
2. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) written within the 30 days prior to importation. Exemption: A person may bring one or more dogs into Pennsylvania for show or other demonstration without a CVI for a period not to exceed 30 days provided that each dog is equipped with a collar bearing a name plate giving the name and address of the owner.
3. **Not Acceptable:** The APHIS Form 7001, U.S. Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination for Small Animals, is not accepted as a valid CVI.

II. Recommendations:

1. All animals are free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases.
2. Identification, including a collar with a name plate bearing the name and address of the owner, and a microchip.

Section 9: Pennsylvania Equine Animals

I. Requirements:

1. The Department of Agriculture has no specific requirements for Pennsylvania equines at fairs. However, fair management has the authority to impose requirements designed to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.
2. See rabies vaccination requirements in the General section for animals exhibiting at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex.

II. Recommendations:

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (valid for 30 days after the date of issue). A current VCPR Form may also be used to verify animal ID.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. It is recommended that all equine animals be test negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Laboratory test results should accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). The CVI shall specify the date of sample collection and EIA test results. Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a test-negative dam are exempt from EIA testing recommendations. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.

4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older. The name of the product used, date of administration and veterinarian administering the rabies vaccination should appear on the CVI or on a rabies vaccination certificate and this information should correlate to a written description of the horse, and any and all forms of identification associated with the horse, such as tattoos, brands, or microchips.
5. Permanent identification, including a microchip, tattoo, or brand.

Section 10: Out of State Equine Animals

I. Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the date of importation. **Please Note:** Extended Equine Certificates of Veterinary Inspection and Interstate Equine Event Permits will not be accepted. Brand Certificates will not be accepted as Certificates of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) statement: This applies to horses entering Pennsylvania from states that experienced a Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak in the last 12 months. In these cases an accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this CVI have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals were not located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
3. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
4. All equine animals must be test negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) by an official test within the 12 months prior to the date of importation. Laboratory test results must accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). The CVI shall specify the date of sample collection and EIA test results. Foals under six months of age accompanied by a dam with negative EIA official test results are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.
5. If an equine animal has resided in Texas or New Mexico for a cumulative total of 30 days or more within the six months preceding the date of entry into the Commonwealth, that animal must be test-negative for *Babesia caballi* and *Theileria equi* on a competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (c-ELISA) test, or a Department-approved equivalent test, with the test occurring within the 30 days preceding entry into Pennsylvania. The date of test and the test results shall be written on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
6. See rabies vaccination requirements in the General section for animals exhibiting at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex.

II. Recommendations:

1. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older. The name of the product used, date of administration and veterinarian administering the



rabies vaccination should appear on the CVI or on a rabies vaccination certificate and this information should correlate to a written description of the horse, and any and all forms of identification associated with the horse- such as tattoos, brands, or microchips.

2. Permanent identification, including a microchip, tattoo, or brand.

Section 11: Pennsylvania Goats

I. Requirements:

1. Individual official animal identification is required for all goats. Identification used for goats must be permanently affixed to the individual animal. Official ID includes any of the following:

- (a) A USDA ear tag with a US shield ; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labelled "meat" with a US shield  are not permitted to be exhibited in Pennsylvania). Please call the Department at 717-772-2852 if such a tag is encountered).
- (b) A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database a.k.a. scrapie tattoo (flock ID in the right ear—state postal code and letters/numbers—and individual animal ID in the left ear).
- (c) A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.

2. For post-exhibition sales the following requirements apply:

(a) Market goats must be documented on sales slips which contain all of the following information:

- (i) Official identification (as described above)
- (ii) Sale date
- (iii) Sale location
- (iv) Name, address and phone number of the exhibitor
- (v) Hauler contact information
- (vi) Destination name and contact information
- (vii) Total number of animals in the shipment
- (viii) Type of goat (i.e., meat, dairy, specific breed)
- (ix) Signature of consignee, agent, or hauler

(b) Sales slips, or a document containing all of the information required under subsection (a) above, must follow the goats to their final destination (including slaughter facilities).

(c) Goats which are purchased with the intent of breeding and are traveling via interstate movement must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) prior to movement to the destination state.

(d) A copy of the sale records slips as delineated above and a copy of any CVI, required under subsection (c) above, must be kept by the sale organizer for 5 years.

3. ID requirements specific to the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex (Complex):

(a) Goats entering the complex must be identified with a 15 digit 840 ISO-compliant RFID ear tag. This can be in addition to the forms of ID listed above so long as only one 840 ID is used.

(b) A person exhibiting at the complex shall distinguish between 840 tags with RFID capabilities versus 840 tags that do not have those capabilities prior to placing identification in an animal that is to be exhibited.



4. All goats shall comply with the Department's regulations regarding the intrastate transportation of goats found at 7 Pa.Code § 3.151).
5. All goats shall comply with the Department's "General Quarantine Order; Scrapie" [50 Pa.B. 4751, September 19, 2020].

II. Recommendations:

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (valid for 30 days after the date of issue). A current VCPR Form may also be used to verify animal ID.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.

Section 12: Out of State Goats

I. Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the date of importation into Pennsylvania.
2. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) statement: This applies to states that experienced a VS outbreak in the last 12 months. In these cases, an accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this CVI have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals were not located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
3. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
4. Individual official animal identification is required for all goats. Identification used for sheep and goats must be permanently affixed to the individual animal. Official ID includes any of the following:
 - (a) A USDA ear tag with a US shield ; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labelled "meat" with a US shield  are not permitted to be exhibited in Pennsylvania. Please call the Department at 717-772-2852 if such a tag is encountered).
 - (b) A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database a.k.a. scrapie tattoo (flock ID in the right ear - state postal code and letters/numbers - and individual animal ID in the left ear).
 - (c) A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.
5. Tuberculosis testing requirements:

- (a) No test is required for animals originating from states or zones designated as accredited-free by the USDA.
- (b) All animals originating from states or zones designated modified accredited advanced by the USDA must be test negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original report is acceptable).
- (c) All animals originating from states or zones designated modified accredited must originate from herds in which all animals 12 months of age and older have tested negative within the 12 months prior to the date of importation; and the individual animals (all ages) to be imported have also tested negative within the 60 days prior to the date of importation and at least 60 days after the negative whole herd test was completed. The negative test results and date of test must be included on the CVI or the animal must be accompanied by a negative test report (a copy of the original test report is acceptable).
- (d) All goats shall comply with the Department's "Interstate Order of Quarantine; Tuberculosis Testing Requirements for Importation of Cattle, Bison, Goats or Camelids" [49 Pa.B. 709, Saturday, February 16, 2019).

6. For post-exhibition sales the following requirements apply:

- (a) Market goats must be documented on sales slips which contain all the following information:
 - (i) Official identification (as described above)
 - (ii) Sale date
 - (iii) Sale location
 - (iv) Name, address and phone number of the exhibitor
 - (v) Hauler contact information
 - (vi) Destination name and contact information
 - (vii) Total number of animals in the shipment
 - (viii) Type of goat (i.e., meat, dairy, specific breed)
 - (ix) Signature of consignee, agent, or hauler
- (b) Sales slips, or a document containing all of the information required under subsection (a) above, must follow the goats to their final destination (including slaughter facilities).
- (c) Goats which are purchased with the intent of breeding and are traveling via interstate movement must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) prior to movement to the destination state.
- (d) A copy of the sale records slips as delineated above and a copy of any CVI, required under subsection (c) above, must be kept by the sale organizer for 5 years.

7. ID requirements specific to the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex (Complex):

- (a) Goats entering the complex must be identified with a 15 digit 840 ISO-compliant RFID ear tag. This can be in addition to the forms of ID listed above so long as only one 840 ID is used.
- (b) A person exhibiting at the complex shall distinguish between 840 tags with RFID capabilities versus 840 tags that do not have those capabilities prior to placing identification in an animal that is to be exhibited.

8. All goats shall comply with the Department's regulations regarding the importation of goats found at 7 Pa.Code §§ 3.21-3.23 and 3.25-3.28).

9. All goats shall comply with the Department's "Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Scrapie" [50 Pa.B. 4754, September 19, 2020].

II. Recommendations:

All out of state goats must meet all criteria listed above as "requirements". The Department has no additional recommendations to prevent the introduction of contagious disease from out of state goats.

Section 13: Pennsylvania Poultry, Unfertilized Eggs, and Ornamental Feathers

I. Definitions:

Poultry. The term includes all domesticated fowl, including chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl, and game birds (pheasants, partridge, quail, grouse, and guineas); but excludes doves, pigeons, psittacine and passerine birds.

Poultry products. The term shall mean products of or made from poultry, including eggs, poultry parts or any goods or items containing poultry or made or derived from poultry, such as but not limited to, feathers including ornamental feathers and feathers used for arts and crafts, beaks, feet, down, or poultry parts.

II. Requirements:

1. Changes for exhibition of poultry and poultry products in 2024 if the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania, and at the Department's discretion:
 - (a) The 2024 *Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animal Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition*, will reference the April 16, 2022 General Quarantine Order; Cancellation of Exhibition of Poultry and Their Hatching Eggs Due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza or its successor Order, which may allow for limited exhibition of poultry and poultry products at venues that receive funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act referenced above, if the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania.
 - (b) If the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania, the exhibition of market poultry which will be moved directly to slaughter, unfertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers may be allowed, at the Department's discretion. The Department will provide notification to fair managers if any active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones are in place in Pennsylvania at the beginning of the 2024 fair season and will provide updates throughout the season as necessary. The placement of a HPAI control area or surveillance zone in Pennsylvania will result in the immediate reinstatement of the prohibition of exhibition for all poultry and all poultry products.
2. No poultry exhibitions regardless of their funding, association, or venue may occur within a 10 km control area of a premises infected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (see Subchapter A. General Information Section, Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4). Poultry exhibitions may occur at venues or locations that are not within a current control area and do not receive funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act 3 P.S. § 1501 et seq. so long as the following requirements are met. Current Control area proximity may be checked at the Department's *Control Zone Address Checker* on the PADLS website by clicking on the following link: [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com) or by typing directly in the search bar:

<https://padeptag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a9066a3d68a443a08043766cb84bf4ae>.

3. **General Requirements for Poultry and Poultry Products:** Pennsylvania Poultry and Poultry Products shall meet all applicable regulations and requirements, including those set forth in Subchapter D. (relating to Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Regulation and Quarantine Order Requirements), Section A (relating to animals for exhibition) and Section H. (relating to Poultry, Birds, Water and Game Fowl and their Hatching Eggs), and all testing and other requirements related to pullorum/typhoid.
4. **Requirements for Exhibition of Ornamental Feathers:**
 - (a) Shall be sourced in the United States.
 - (b) Ornamental feathers sourced from poultry to be entered into a competition or used to produce jewelry or other items to be exhibited or sold shall be free of visible manure, litter, or other debris.
 - (c) Transport container shall have been cleaned and disinfected before being used to transport feathers to the exhibition.
 - (d) An Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) shall accompany the feathers. If a CVI is used, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also accompany the feathers.
 - (e) Ornamental feathers to be entered into a competition or used to produce jewelry or other items to be exhibited or sold shall originate from a flock which is not known to be infected with avian influenza. This requirement can be met by using one of the following methods:
 - (i) Ornamental feathers sourced from poultry shall originate from flock which has had a negative AI test (see testing requirements for poultry in Subsection 7 of this Section 13 below) within **14** days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.
 - (ii) The feathers shall be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable).
 - (iii) Ornamental feathers sourced from poultry to be entered into a competition or used to produce jewelry or other items to be exhibited or sold shall be clean and held in a clean area separate from poultry or other poultry products for at least 120 days at a minimum of 68 degrees Fahrenheit before exhibition. The date the feathers were moved to a holding area, along with the holding temperature, shall be included on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). If a CVI is used, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also accompany the feathers.
5. **Requirements for Exhibition of Unfertilized Poultry Eggs:**
 - (a) Eggs shall be washed and sanitized in a 100-200 ppm chlorine solution or other disinfectant that is approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is effective in destroying influenza virus, and dried before being placed in a carton.
 - (b) Eggs shall be packaged in a new cardboard or Styrofoam carton or in a plastic carton which was cleaned, disinfected, and dried, for entry into an event.
 - (c) An Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) shall accompany the eggs. If a CVI is used, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also accompany the eggs.

- (d) The eggs shall originate from a flock which had a negative AI test (see testing requirements for poultry in Subsection 7 of this Section 13 below) within **14** days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.
- (e) The eggs shall be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable).
- (f) If any eggs hatch at the exhibition, the hatchlings shall be removed immediately and returned to the farm of origin.

6. Requirements for Exhibition of Market Poultry:

- (a) All Pennsylvania poultry entering an exhibition must bear an official Department issued leg band. Ratites must be identified with a neck band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader).
- (b) Poultry may be exhibited only if they will be moved immediately after judging directly from the fair/show grounds to a facility for slaughter. All poultry exhibited in Pennsylvania at Department sponsored or funded exhibitions shall move as all-in and all-out directly to a Department or USDA licensed slaughter facility following the animal exhibition and may not be diverted to premises other than a recognized slaughter establishment.
- (c) Arrival, exhibition, and departure of the poultry shall occur within a 72 hour window. The 72 hours begin when the first poultry arrive on the show grounds, whether unloaded or not, and ends when the last poultry physically leave the premises in a vehicle.
- (d) Waterfowl for exhibit shall be kept separate and apart from other poultry in a biosecure manner.
- (e) An Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) shall accompany the poultry. If a CVI is used, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also accompany the poultry.
- (f) All poultry on the show grounds shall be monitored for signs of illness, and any signs of illness shall be reported to the Department immediately (717-772-2852).
- (g) All poultry on the show grounds shall be displayed behind barriers such as ropes to prevent public access to the poultry, with signage to prevent the public from crossing the barrier.
- (h) Conveyances shall be cleaned and disinfected before loading to transport poultry to the show, and after returning to the premises of origin.

7. Avian Influenza Testing and Verification:

- (a) All samples shall be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or a Category II Accredited Veterinarian and shall be tested in a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.
- (b) All poultry for exhibition shall originate from a flock in which a random, representative sample of a minimum of 30 birds, 3 weeks of age or older, were tested for avian influenza within the **14** days prior to opening date of the exhibition.
- (c) For waterfowl, cloacal swab samples shall be collected for testing. Swabs from geese and ducks may not be combined in the same tube for testing.
- (d) For chickens, turkeys, game birds, and ratites, blood samples (AGID testing) or tracheal or oropharyngeal swab samples (PCR testing) are acceptable samples. Samples from more than one species may not be combined in the same tube for testing.
- (e) The poultry shall be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable). Test results shall be negative.

- (f) If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds of age.
- (g) Untested birds shall not be comingled with or added to the tested flock after negative samples have been collected and before the show.
- (h) Sample collectors and testers must maintain records of animal identification, testing records, and any other records required by the Domestic Animal Law and any order issued by the Department for a minimum of two years and must make records available to the Department upon request.
- (i) National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) protocols for sample collection, including the number of swabs/tubes of viral transport media, and testing shall be followed. All samples must be tested at a NAHLN laboratory.

Section 14: Out of State Poultry, Unfertilized Eggs, and Ornamental Feathers

I. Definitions:

Poultry. The term includes all domesticated fowl, including chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl, and game birds (pheasants, partridge, quail, grouse, and guineas); but excludes doves, pigeons, psittacine and passerine birds.

Poultry products. The term shall mean products of or made from poultry, including eggs, poultry parts or any goods or items containing poultry or made or derived from poultry, such as but not limited to, feathers including ornamental feathers and feathers used for arts and crafts, beaks, feet, down, or poultry parts.

II. Requirements:

1. Changes for poultry and poultry products in 2024 if the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania and at the Department's discretion:
 - (a) The 2024 *Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animal Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition*, will reference the April 16, 2022 General Quarantine Order; Cancellation of Exhibition of Poultry and Their Hatching Eggs Due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza or its successor Order, which may allow for limited exhibition of poultry and poultry products at venues that receive funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act referenced above, if the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania.
 - (b) If the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania the exhibition of market poultry which will be moved directly to slaughter, unfertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers may be allowed, at the Department's discretion. The Department will provide notification to fair managers if any active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones are in place in Pennsylvania at the beginning of the 2024 fair season and will provide updates throughout the season as necessary. The placement of a HPAI control area or surveillance zone in Pennsylvania flock will reinstitute the prohibition for all poultry and poultry products in Pennsylvania.
2. Out of State Poultry, Unfertilized Eggs and Ornamental Feathers shall meet the standards established in and comply with all the requirements set forth in Section 13 (relating to Pennsylvania Poultry, Unfertilized Eggs and Ornamental Feathers) subsections 2. (relating to control area requirements), 4. (relating to requirements for exhibition of ornamental feathers), 5.

(relating to requirements for exhibition of unfertilized poultry eggs), 6. (relating to requirements for exhibition of market poultry), and 7. (relating to avian influenza testing and verification).

3. Out of State Poultry and Poultry Products shall meet all Federal and Pennsylvania import and interstate transportation regulations, including those set forth in Subchapter D. (relating to Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Regulation and Quarantine Order Requirements), Section A. (relating to animals for exhibition and Section H. (relating to Poultry, Birds, Water and Game Fowl and their Hatching Eggs), and all testing and other requirements related to pullorum/typhoid.

Section 15: Pennsylvania Rabbits

I. Requirements:

1. The Department of Agriculture has no specific requirements for Pennsylvania rabbits at fairs. However, fair management has the authority to impose requirements designed to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.
2. The owner of the animal and the place of exhibition or destination shall meet the standards established at sections 2323 and 2327 of the Domestic Animal Law (3 Pa.C.S. §§ 2323 and 2327) and set forth in Subchapter A, paragraphs 9 and 10 of this document.
3. The owner of the animal shall meet all general requirements for importation and intrastate movement as set forth in sections 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of the Department's regulations (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.3-3.7).
4. While on exhibit or at any time following exhibition, it is an obligation to report all mass mortality events and all rabbits who are ill and bleeding from eyes, nose, mouth, or have bloody stools to the Department's emergency line 717-772-2852, option 1. It is vital to quickly identify and prevent dangerous transmissible diseases such as Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) from spreading.

II. Recommendations:

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (valid for 30 days after the date of issue). The CVI shall be written by an accredited veterinarian and shall contain the following statements:

“All Rabbits in the shipment have been examined for and found free of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases including RHD and there have not been multiple mortality events or rabbits exhibiting hemorrhages within the last 90 days. The rabbits in this shipment have not been housed or exhibited with any rabbits associated with known mass mortality or hemorrhage events.”

“In the last 90 days, the rabbits in this shipment, have not been exhibited in, housed in, or traveled to, any state or territory in which RHD has been diagnosed within the last 12 months. In addition, during the last 90 days, they have had no contact with any captive or wild rabbit which originated from or travelled to one of those affected states or territories.”
2. Vaccination against RHDV-2: Vaccination of Pennsylvania origin rabbits against RHDV-2 is encouraged.

Section 16: Out of State Rabbits

I. Requirements:

1. Interstate and International Order of Quarantine: The owner and the exhibition or destination shall comply with the requirements of the Department's quarantine order, "Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease [50 Pa.B. 5272, Saturday, September 26, 2020].
2. **Rabbits originating from a Commonwealth, State, Territory or Country identified as being affected by RHD within the 12 months prior to the start of the exhibition:** No rabbits or their products, such as meat, pelts, hides, carcasses or other items, and no equipment, exposed feed, forages, or conveyances or other items or associated materials may enter the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from a Commonwealth, State, Territory, or Country where RHD has been diagnosed in the prior twelve (12) months or there is a reasonable suspicion it exists unless they meet the following requirements:
 - (a) All live rabbits must be accompanied by a CVI and must be examined by an accredited veterinarian **within the seventy-two (72) hours** prior to the date of shipment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The CVI must include statements by an accredited veterinarian certifying that:
 - (i) All rabbits in the shipment have been examined for and found free of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases;
 - (ii) All rabbits have originated from a single premises that has no signs of infectious, contagious or communicable disease in rabbits;
 - (iii) There have been no movements of rabbits onto the premises of origin within the 90 days prior to the date of shipment; and
 - (iv) The rabbits have had no contact with wild or captive rabbits other than their cohorts in the 90 days prior to the date of shipment.
 - (b) No rabbits or their products, such as meat, pelts, hides, carcasses or other items, and no equipment, exposed feed or conveyances or other items or associated materials may enter the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from a premises exposed to, contaminated with or known to be affected with RHD, or where there is a reasonable suspicion the disease exists or the rabbits have been exposed to or infected with RHD.

II. Recommendations:



1. **For all rabbits:** Vaccination against RHDV-2 is encouraged. PLEASE NOTE: Vaccination of rabbits does not exempt the rabbit, rabbit products, or equipment used for them, from meeting the import requirements set forth in the Department's "Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease [50 Pa.B. 5272, Saturday, September 26, 2020] and listed in subsections I. 1. and 2. (relating to requirements) above.
2. **For rabbits that originate from a Commonwealth, State, Territory, or Country where RHD has NOT been diagnosed in the prior twelve (12) months or there is NO reasonable suspicion it exists:** A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (valid for 30 days after the date of issue) shall be issued and shall include statements by an accredited veterinarian certifying that:

“All rabbits in the shipment have been examined for and found free of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases including RHD and there have not been multiple mortality events or rabbits exhibiting hemorrhages within the last 90 days. The rabbits in this shipment have not been housed or exhibited with any rabbits associated with known mass mortality or hemorrhage events.”

“In the last 90 days, the rabbits in this shipment, have not been exhibited in, housed in, or traveled to, any state or territory in which RHD has been diagnosed within the last 12 months. In addition, during the last 90 days, they have had no contact with any captive or wild rabbit originating from or travelled to one of those affected states or territories.”

Section 17: Pennsylvania Sheep

I. Requirements:

1. Individual official animal identification is required for all sheep. Identification used for sheep must be permanently affixed to the individual animal. Official ID includes any of the following:
 - (a) A USDA ear tag with a US shield ; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labelled “meat” with a US shield  are not permitted to be exhibited in Pennsylvania. Please call the Department at 717-772-2852 if such a tag is encountered).
 - (b) A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database a.k.a. scrapie tattoo (flock ID in the right ear—state postal code and letters/numbers—and individual animal ID in the left ear).
 - (c) A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.
2. For post-exhibition sales the following requirements apply:
 - (a) Market sheep must be documented on sales slips which contain all of the following information:
 - (i) Official identification (as described above)
 - (ii) Sale date
 - (iii) Sale location
 - (iv) Name, address and phone number of the exhibitor
 - (v) Hauler contact information
 - (vi) Destination name and contact information
 - (vii) Total number of animals in the shipment
 - (viii) Type of sheep (i.e., meat, dairy, specific breed)
 - (ix) Signature of consignee, agent, or hauler
 - (b) Sales slips, or a document containing all of the information required under subsection (a) above, must follow the sheep to their final destination (including slaughter facilities).
 - (c) Sheep which are purchased with the intent of breeding and are traveling via interstate movement must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) prior to movement to the destination state.
 - (d) A copy of the sale records slips as delineated above and a copy of any CVI, required under subsection (c) above, must be kept by the sale organizer for 5 years.

3. ID requirements specific to the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex (Complex):
 - (a) Sheep entering the complex must be identified with a 15 digit 840 ISO-compliant RFID ear tag. This can be in addition to the forms of ID listed above so long as only one 840 ID is used.
 - (b) A person exhibiting at the complex shall distinguish between 840 tags with RFID capabilities versus 840 tags that do not have those capabilities prior to placing identification in an animal that is to be exhibited.
4. See rabies vaccination requirements for exhibition of sheep at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in the general section.
5. All sheep shall comply with the Department's regulations regarding the intrastate transportation of sheep found at 7 Pa.Code §§ 3.161-3.163).
6. All sheep shall comply with the Department's "General Quarantine Order; Scrapie" [50 Pa.B. 4751, September 19, 2020].

II. Recommendations:

1. A current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (valid for 30 days after the date of issue). A current VCPR Form may also be used to verify animal ID.
2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older (observe appropriate slaughter withdrawal time).

Section 18: Out of State Sheep

I. Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to entry into Pennsylvania.
2. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) Statement: This applies to states that experienced a VS outbreak in the last 12 months. In these cases, an accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this CVI have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals were not located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
3. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
4. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required. Identification used for sheep must be permanently affixed to the individual animal. Official scrapie ID includes any of the following:
 - (a) A USDA ear tag with a US shield US; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labelled "meat" with a US shield US are not

permitted to be exhibited in Pennsylvania. Please call the Department at 717-772-2852 if such a tag is encountered).

(b) A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database a.k.a. scrapie tattoo (flock ID in the right ear - state postal code and letters/numbers - and individual animal ID in the left ear).

(c) A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.

5. ID requirements specific to the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex (Complex):

(a) Sheep entering the complex must be identified with a 15 digit 840 ISO-compliant RFID ear tag. This can be in addition to the forms of ID listed above so long as only one 840 ID is used.

(b) A person exhibiting at the complex shall distinguish between 840 tags with RFID capabilities versus 840 tags that do not have those capabilities prior to placing identification in an animal that is to be exhibited.

6. For post-exhibition sales the following requirements apply:

(a) Market sheep must be documented on sales slips which contain all the following information:

- (i) Official identification (as described above)
- (ii) Sale date
- (iii) Sale location
- (iv) Name, address and phone number of the exhibitor
- (v) Hauler contact information
- (vi) Destination name and contact information
- (vii) Total number of animals in the shipment
- (viii) Type of sheep (i.e., meat, dairy, specific breed)
- (ix) Signature of consignee, agent, or hauler

(b) Sales slips, or a document containing all of the information required under subsection (a) above, must follow the sheep to their final destination (including slaughter facilities).

(c) Sheep which are purchased with the intent of breeding and are traveling via interstate movement must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) prior to movement to the destination state.

(d) A copy of the sale records slips as delineated above and a copy of any CVI, required under subsection (c) above, must be kept by the sale organizer for 5 years.

7. See rabies vaccination requirements for exhibition of sheep at the Farm Show Complex in the general section.

8. All sheep shall comply with the Department's regulations regarding the importation of sheep found at 7 Pa.Code §§ 3.121-3.123.

9. All sheep shall comply with the Department's "Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Scrapie" [50 Pa.B. 4754, September 19, 2020].

II. Recommendations:

A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older (observe appropriate slaughter withdrawal time).

Section 19: Pennsylvania Swine

Requirements:

1. No swine species shall be exhibited in Pennsylvania unless each animal is in compliance with all of the following:
 - (a) Is accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition.
 - (b) Is permanently identified by an official 840 series RFID ear tag and the ear tag number is recorded on the CVI.
 - (c) Has been visually inspected and found to be free of signs of contagious disease immediately prior to unloading at the exhibition by an accredited veterinarian or swine health monitor appointed by the fair board or livestock show committee.
 - (d) Is inspected by a certified swine health monitor appointed by the fair or show/event organizers.
 - (i) Swine health monitors must undergo annual online training which can be found at the following link: [Pennsylvania Show and Fair Swine Health Monitor Training \(psu.edu\)](https://www.psu.edu/extension/Pennsylvania-show-and-fair-swine-health-monitor-training) or the following site [Extension.psu.edu/Pennsylvania-show-and-fair-swine-health-monitor-training](https://extension.psu.edu/Pennsylvania-show-and-fair-swine-health-monitor-training).
 - (ii) Swine health monitors must provide a current completion certificate to the fair or show staff they will be performing monitoring services for, prior to the start of the event.
2. All breeding swine exhibitions must occur prior to the arrival of any market swine. All the following conditions apply:
 - (a) Castrated swine shall not be classified as breeding swine.
 - (b) Breeding swine shall be removed from the animal exhibition premises prior to any market swine arriving.
 - (c) Breeding swine for exhibitions shall arrive, exhibit, and depart in a period no greater than 72 hours. Time begins when the first swine arrives physically on the fairgrounds whether unloaded from a trailer or not and ends when the last hog physically leaves the premises on a trailer.
 - (d) Swine birthing exhibitions and educational displays in which swine are not competing may occur concurrently with market swine animal exhibition, as long as reasonable precaution is made to ensure the biosecurity of the swine birthing exhibition or educational display. Consult your Department regional veterinarian or your herd veterinarian for biosecurity advice.
3. All market swine exhibited in Department sponsored or funded market shows shall move as all-in and all-out directly to a Department or USDA licensed slaughter facility following the animal exhibition and may not be diverted to premises other than a recognized slaughter establishment or a slaughter market in which the sales are designated slaughter-only sales.
4. Shows that are not sponsored by or that do not receive funding from the Department, including jackpot shows and 4-H roundups, not occurring during a Department sponsored or funded fair or show are exempt from the terminal slaughter requirement only if the following conditions are adhered to:
 - (a) As is stated above, the swine shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within the 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition and shall be permanently identified by an 840 series RFID identification ear tag.

- (b) Arrival, exhibition and departure of the swine shall occur within a 72-hour window. Time begins when the first swine arrives physically on the exhibition grounds, whether unloaded from a trailer or not, and ends when the last hog physically leaves the premises on a trailer.
 - (c) There shall be no public access to the animals other than observation during competitions.
 - (d) An accredited veterinarian or trained swine health monitor shall have visually inspected the animals prior to unloading and found each animal to be free of signs of contagious disease.
 - (e) An accredited veterinarian or trained swine health monitor shall monitor and record the health of the pigs daily for signs of contagious disease, and the accredited veterinarian shall immediately report suspicion of disease to the State Animal Health Official.
 - (f) A Veterinary-client-patient-relationship is established between the show committee/management staff and an accredited veterinarian, and that veterinarian is readily available for health monitoring, emergency coverage, treatment, follow up evaluation, and prompt reporting of suspicion of disease to the State Animal Health Official.
- 5. The swine shall be in compliance with the Department's regulations regarding health requirements and intrastate transportation of swine found a 7 Pa.Code §§ 3.172-3.180.
 - 6. The swine shall comply with the Department's general quarantine orders; "General Quarantine Order; Swine Exhibition Requirements" [51 Pa.B. 3861, Saturday, July 17, 2021], "Addendum to the General Quarantine Order; Swine Exhibition Requirements" [52 Pa.B. 2362, April 23, 2022] and "Interstate/International and General Quarantine Order; Importation and Intrastate Movement of Swine" [39 Pa.B. 5442, September 19, 2009].

Section 20: Out of State Swine

Requirements:

- 1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition is required. The CVI shall include a statement verifying that the swine have not been fed raw garbage.
- 2. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) Statement: This applies to states that experienced a VS outbreak in the last 12 months. In these cases, an accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this CVI have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals were not located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."
- 3. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.
- 4. The swine shall comply with all the provisions of subsections 1. through 4. of Section 19 (relating to Pennsylvania Swine Requirements) above.
- 5. Individual animal ID – must be permanently identified by an official 840 series RFID ear tag and the ear tag number is recorded on the CVI.
- 6. Brucellosis Testing Requirements: No Brucellosis test is required if the animal originates from a validated brucellosis-free herd within a Brucellosis free state. All others must be tested negative within the 30 days prior to the date of importation. The date of test and test results must be included on the CVI.

7. Pseudorabies Testing Requirements: No Pseudorabies test is required if the animal originates from a Qualified Pseudorabies-free herd within a Pseudorabies free state. All others must be tested negative within the 30 days prior to the date of importation. The date of test and test results must be included on the CVI.
8. All breeding swine exhibitions must occur prior to the arrival of any market swine. All the following conditions apply:
 - (a) Castrated swine shall not be classified as breeding swine.
 - (b) Breeding swine shall be removed from the animal exhibition premises prior to any market swine arriving.
 - (c) Breeding swine for exhibitions shall arrive, exhibit, and depart in a period no greater than 72 hours. Time begins when the first swine arrives physically on the fairgrounds whether unloaded from a trailer or not and ends when the last hog physically leaves the premises on a trailer.
 - (d) Swine birthing exhibitions and educational displays in which swine are not competing may occur concurrently with market swine animal exhibition, as long as reasonable precaution is made to ensure the biosecurity of the swine birthing exhibition or educational display. Consult your Department regional veterinarian or your herd veterinarian for biosecurity advice.
9. All market swine exhibited in Department sponsored or funded market shows shall move on an all-in all-out basis directly to a Department or USDA licensed slaughter facility following the animal exhibition and may not be diverted to premises other than a recognized slaughter establishment or a slaughter market in which the sales are designated slaughter-only sales.
10. Shows that are not sponsored by or that do not receive funding from the Department, including jackpot shows and 4-H roundups, not occurring during a Department sponsored or funded fair or show are exempt from the terminal slaughter requirement only if the following conditions are adhered to:
 - (a) As is stated above, the swine shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within the 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition and shall be permanently identified by an 840 series RFID identification ear tag.
 - (b) Arrival, exhibition and departure of the swine shall occur within a 72-hour window. Time begins when the first swine arrives physically on the exhibition grounds, whether unloaded from a trailer or not, and ends when the last hog physically leaves the premises on a trailer.
 - (c) There shall be no public access to the animals other than observation during competitions.
 - (d) An accredited veterinarian or trained swine health monitor shall have visually inspected the animals prior to unloading and found each animal to be free of signs of contagious disease.
 - (e) An accredited veterinarian or trained swine health monitor shall monitor and record the health of the pigs daily for signs of contagious disease, and the accredited veterinarian shall immediately report suspicion of disease to the State Animal Health Official.
 - (f) A Veterinary-client-patient-relationship is established between the show committee/management staff and an accredited veterinarian, and that veterinarian is readily available for health monitoring, emergency coverage, treatment, follow up evaluation, and prompt reporting of suspicion of disease to the State Animal Health Official.
11. The swine shall comply with the Department's regulations regarding interstate transportation and importation of swine found a 7 Pa.Code §§ 3.131-3.139.
12. The swine shall comply with the Department's interstate and international quarantine orders; "Interstate and International Quarantine Order; Swine Exhibition Requirements" [51 Pa.B. 3864, Saturday, July 17, 2021], "Addendum to the Interstate and International Quarantine Order;

Swine Exhibition Requirements” [52 Pa.B. 2363, April 23, 2022] and “Interstate/International and General Quarantine Order; Importation and Intrastate Movement of Swine” [39 Pa.B. 5442, September 19, 2009].

SUBCHAPTER D. (Annex)

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Regulation and Quarantine Order Requirements

- A. **Animals for exhibition** in Pennsylvania must meet specific requirements under each species, as well as the General Provisions in the Department's regulations established at Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code, and listed below:
1. Importation of domestic animals - Section 3.3 of the regulations (7 Pa.Code § 3.3).
 2. Health Certificate requirements of imported animals- Section 3.4 of the regulations (7 Pa.Code § 3.4).
 3. Health Certificate requirements for Pennsylvania animals - Section 3.7 of the regulations (7 Pa.Code § 3.7).
- B. **Camelids** for exhibition in Pennsylvania must meet the requirements of the Department's regulations established at Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code, and listed below:
1. Specific provisions for interstate transport of camelids – Section 3a.3 of the regulations (7 Pa.Code § 3a.3).
 2. Camelids must also meet the regulations as set forth in the Department's quarantine order: Tuberculosis Testing Requirements for Importation of Cattle, Bison, Goats or Camelids [49 PaB. 709, February 16, 2019].
 3. Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Vesicular Stomatitis [36 Pa.B. 7974, December 30, 2006].
- C. **Cattle** for exhibition in Pennsylvania must meet the requirements of the Department's Quarantine Orders, regulations as set forth in Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code and Section 9 of the Federal Code of Regulations, 9 CFR, listed below:
1. Section 3.151 of Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code establishes specific provisions for intrastate transport of cattle, goats, and buffalo (7 Pa.Code § 3.151).
 2. Sections 3.21- 3.28 (relating to general provisions; brucellosis requirements; tuberculosis requirements; exhibition requirements for cattle and buffalo; import requirements for goats; cattle, goats, and buffalo for immediate slaughter; disease-free cattle, goats and buffalo and cattle, goats and buffalo from infected herds) of Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code establish specific provisions for interstate transport of cattle, goats, and buffalo (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.21-3.28).
 3. Cattle must also meet the requirements set forth in the Department's quarantine orders and Federal Code of Regulations set forth below:
 - (a) Interstate Order of Quarantine; Tuberculosis Testing Requirements for Importation of Cattle, Bison, Goats and Camelids [49 Pa.B. 709, February 16, 2019].
 - (b) Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Vesicular Stomatitis [36 Pa.B. 7974, December 30, 2006].
 - (c) 9 CFR 86.4 (relating to Official identification).
- D. **Cervids** for exhibition in Pennsylvania must meet the requirements of the Department's Quarantine Orders and of the Department's regulations established at Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code, and listed below:

1. Section 3a.3 of Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code establishes specific provisions for importation of cervids (7 Pa.Code § 3a.3).
 2. Section 3a.4 of Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code establishes specific provisions for intrastate transport, including identification and health requirements (exhibition and comingling) of cervids (7 Pa.Code § 3a.4).
 3. **Commonwealth origin cervids** must also meet the requirements for movement and exhibition set forth in the Department's General Quarantine Order; Chronic Wasting Disease Program Requirements for Herd Certification Program and Herd Monitoring Program [44 Pa.B. 2249, Saturday, April 12, 2014], including only movement of cervids from fully "certified herds" and not movement of such cervids back onto a "certified herd" location after display or exhibition. There shall be no movement of cervids from a location within the Core Captive Management Zone, as established by General Quarantine Order; Cervid Movement Restrictions Within Core Captive Management Zone [50 Pa.B. 4395, Saturday, August 29, 2020].
 4. **Imported cervids** for exhibition in Pennsylvania must also meet the requirements set forth in the Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Chronic Wasting Disease Importation Requirements for Farmed or Captive Chronic Wasting Disease-Susceptible Cervids [50 Pa.B. 4650, Saturday, September 12, 2020].
 5. Only cervids originating from a Chronic Wasting Disease Certified Herd in a State with an approved Certified Herd Program may be shipped interstate.
 6. Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Vesicular Stomatitis [36 Pa. B. 7974, December 30, 2006].
- E. **Dogs** for exhibition in Pennsylvania must meet requirements of the Department's Statutes, Quarantine Orders, and the Department's regulations established at Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code, and listed below:
1. Rabies Prevention and Control in Domestic Animals and Wildlife Act – 3 P.S. §455.8 (related to vaccination required; certificate and tag) and the attending regulations (7 Pa.Code §§ 16.41-16.46).
 2. General Quarantine Order [48 Pa.B. 6390, Saturday, October 6, 2018].
 3. Section 3.91 establishes specific provisions for interstate transport, including identification and health requirements (related to interstate health certificate required) of Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code (7 Pa.Code § 3.91).
 4. Section 3.92 establishes specific provisions for dogs temporarily within the Commonwealth (related to show dog exempt for 30 days) (7 Pa.Code § 3.92).
- F. **Equines** for exhibition in Pennsylvania must meet the requirements of the Department's Quarantine Orders and of the Department's regulations established at Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code, and listed below:
1. Sections 3.211 (related to diseased equidae; permit required) 3.215 (related to fairs, shows and sales) and 3.221 (related to equine infectious anemia) establish specific provisions for intrastate transport of equine animals (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.211 and 3.221).
 2. Sections 3.101 (related to interstate health certificate required), 3.103 (related to test methods), and 3.105 (related to equidae imported from quarantined areas; permit required) establish specific provisions for interstate transport of equine animals (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.101, 3.103 and 3.105).
 3. Equines for importation must also meet the requirements set forth in: Interstate Quarantine Order; Equine Piroplasmosis [40 Pa.B. 3966, Saturday, July 17, 2010].

4. Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Vesicular Stomatitis [36 Pa.B. 7974, December 30, 2006].
- G. **Goats** for exhibition in Pennsylvania must meet the requirements of the Department's Quarantine Orders, regulations as set forth in Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code and Section 9 of the Federal Code of Regulations, 9 CFR, listed below:
1. Section 3.151 (relating to general provisions) establishes specific provisions for intrastate transport of cattle, goats, and buffalo (7 Pa.Code § 3.151).
 2. Sections 3.21 – 3.28 (relating to general provisions; brucellosis requirements; tuberculosis requirements; exhibition requirements for cattle and buffalo; import requirements for goats; cattle, goats, and buffalo for immediate slaughter; disease-free cattle, goats and buffalo and cattle, goats and buffalo from infected herds) of Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code establish specific provisions for interstate transport of cattle, goats, and buffalo (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.21-3.28).
 3. Goats must also meet the requirements set forth in the Department's quarantine orders regarding Scrapie at, General Quarantine Order; Scrapie [50 Pa.B. 4751, September 19, 2020] and Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Scrapie [50 Pa.B. 4754, September 19, 2020].
 4. Goats must also meet the requirements set forth in the Department's quarantine order regarding tuberculosis, "Interstate Order of Quarantine; Tuberculosis Testing Requirements for Importation of Cattle, Bison, Goats or Camelids" [49 Pa.B. 709, February 16, 2019].
 5. Goats for exhibition must meet the individual and group identification, flock origin, comingling, transportation, transfer, sale, and recordkeeping requirements established in the Code of Federal Regulations at 9 CFR 79.2 (relating to identification and records requirements for sheep and goats in interstate commerce).
- H. **Poultry, Birds, Water and Game Fowl and their Hatching Eggs** for exhibition in Pennsylvania must meet the requirements of the Department's Quarantine Orders and of the Department's regulations established at Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code, and listed below:
1. Sections 3.191 - 3.198 (relating to shipping containers, immediate slaughter, health, records, reports and inspections, officials' report and health certificates for shows, exhibitions or displays, condemnation, quarantine) establish specific provisions for intrastate transportation for all types of Poultry, Birds, Water and Game Fowl and Their Hatching Eggs (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.191-3.198).
 2. Sections 3.111 - 3.119 (relating to shipping containers, immediate slaughter, health requirements, records and reports, temporary imports for shows, exhibitions and displays: health certificate, commercial, backyard or exhibition types of poultry, water and game fowl and their hatching eggs, pet or wild types of birds and their hatching eggs, refusal or condemnation of imports, quarantine) establish specific provisions for importation and interstate transport of all types of Poultry, Birds, Water and Game Fowl and Their Hatching Eggs (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.111 - 3.119).
 3. The "General Quarantine Order; Virus Control for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Poultry, Poultry Litter, Conveyances, Feed, Refuse, Containers, and Material Standards" [52 Pa.B. 2597, April 30, 2022].
 4. The "General Quarantine Order; Cancellation of Exhibitions of Poultry and Their Hatching Eggs Due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza" [52 Pa B. 2223, April 16, 2022].

5. The "Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Avian Influenza" [49 Pa.B. 3630, Saturday, July 13, 2019].
6. The "General Quarantine Order; Poultry Exhibition Requirements" [49 Pa.B. 3093, June 15, 2019].
7. The "Interstate Quarantine Order; Importation Requirements for Virus Control for Virulent or Exotic Newcastle Disease" [49 Pa.B. 936, Saturday, March 2, 2019].
8. The "Interstate/International and General Quarantine Order; Virus Control for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Poultry at Competitions, Shows, Fairs and Exhibitions" [47 Pa.B. 1857, Saturday, April 1, 2017].
9. The "Interstate and General Quarantine Order; Virus Control for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Vehicle, Container and Material Standards" [45 Pa.B 4930, August 22, 2015].

I. Rabbits for exhibition in Pennsylvania must meet the requirements of the Department's Quarantine Order listed below:

1. The "Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease [50 Pa.B. 5272, September 26, 2020].

J. Sheep for exhibition in Pennsylvania must meet the requirements of the Department's Quarantine Orders, regulations as set forth in Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code and Section 9 of the Federal Code of Regulations, 9 CFR, listed below:

1. Sections 3.161 - 3.163 (relating to permit required, dipping requirements, special requirements) establish specific provisions for intrastate transportation of sheep (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.161 - 3.163).
2. Sections 3.121 - 3.124 (relating to approved interstate health certificate required, sheep for slaughter only, dipping requirements, vehicular sanitation) establish specific provisions for interstate transportation and importation of sheep (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.121 - 3.124).
3. Sheep must also comply with the requirements set forth in the Department's "General Quarantine Order; Scrapie" [50 Pa.B. 4751, September 19, 2020].
4. Sheep must comply with the requirements set forth in the Department's "Interstate/International Quarantine Order; Scrapie [50 Pa.B. 4754, September 19, 2020].
5. Sheep must also meet the requirements set forth in the Department's quarantine order regarding tuberculosis, "Interstate Order of Quarantine; Tuberculosis Testing Requirements for Importation of Cattle, Bison, Goats or Camelids" [49 Pa.B. 709, February 16, 2019].
6. Sheep for exhibition must comply with individual and group identification, flock origin, comingling, transportation, transfer, sale, and recordkeeping requirements established in the Code of Federal Regulations at 9 CFR 79.2 (relating to identification and records requirements for sheep and goats in interstate commerce).

K. Swine for exhibition in Pennsylvania must meet the requirements of the Department's Quarantine Orders and of the Department's regulations established at Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Code, and listed below:

1. Sections 3.172 - 3.180 (relating to health requirements, care and handling of breeding and feeder swine during transportation and at destination, quarantine of swine, areas considered contaminated, use of loading chutes, sanitation of contaminated facilities,

- records requirements, swine for exhibition) establish specific provisions for intrastate transportation of swine (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.172- 3.180).
2. Sections 3.131 - 3.139 (relating to general provisions, swine for slaughter, garbage fed swine, swine interstate commerce, brucellosis requirements, pseudorabies requirements) establish specific provisions for the interstate transportation and importation of swine (7 Pa.Code §§ 3.131-3.139).
 3. Swine must comply with the requirements set forth in the Department's "Addendum to the Interstate and International Quarantine Order; Swine Exhibition Requirements" [52 Pa.B. 2363, April 23, 2022].
 4. Swine must comply with the requirements set forth in the Department's "Addendum to the General Quarantine Order; Swine Exhibition Requirements" [52 Pa.B. 2363, April 23, 2022].
 5. Swine must be in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Department's "General Quarantine Order; Swine Exhibition Requirements" [51 Pa.B 3861, July 17, 2021].
 6. Swine must also be in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Department's "Interstate and International Quarantine Order; Swine Exhibition Requirements" [51 Pa.B., 3864, July 17, 2021].
 7. Swine must be in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Department's "Interstate/International and General Quarantine Order; Importation and Intrastate Movement of Swine" [39 Pa.B. 5442, September 19, 2009].

BIOSECURITY GUIDELINES FOR EXHIBITION MANAGERS

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Many diseases of animals can be spread easily through direct contact between animals, through sharing of equipment, and through the air. People can also spread disease on their hands, clothing and footwear. According to the CDC, about 60% of known infectious diseases in people can be spread from animals, about 75% of new or emerging infectious diseases in people come from animals.

There are four important goals of an effective biosecurity plan:

1. Protect animals from disease,
2. Protect exhibitors from disease, and
3. Protect the public from disease.
4. Allow the show to continue with minimal interruption due to animal disease.

Animal exhibitions/shows can lead to an increased risk of disease spread between animals, for several reasons—animals from multiple places congregate at these locations; animals are often stressed from being transported and from all the unusual sights and sounds at the show; and they may be exposed to animals with inapparent health issues.

For this reason, all show managers and exhibitors should have standard biosecurity protocols in place, to include:

Show Managers—At the Show:

Animals:

1. Make arrangements with a veterinarian in advance to oversee animal health for the event, and to be on call to respond to any concerns, including animal health emergencies.
2. Ensure the Animal Health requirements are publicized and clearly stated. Requirements should be as stringent as possible. This includes all interstate and intrastate testing and movement requirements.
3. Ensure that all animals meet the requirements before entry. Require that animals arrive only during specified check-in times with appropriately trained inspectors there to check paperwork.
4. Have appropriately trained inspectors monitor the health of the animals throughout the event (this includes swine health monitors).
5. Contact the show veterinarian with any animal health concerns. The Department of Agriculture should be contacted if an inspector or veterinarian suspects a reportable disease. Designated caretakers should be assigned to these animals until it is determined that they may be moved back to the farm of origin.
6. Waterfowl for exhibit should be kept separate and apart from other poultry in a biosecure manner.
7. For cattle, ensure a process is in place to document farms of origin of cattle as well as individual identification of cows.
8. Collect sufficient contact information (i.e., cell phone numbers and email addresses) from all exhibitors to be able to rapidly communicate procedural changes, requests for information, or incidents associated with the exhibition.

Animal Barns:

1. Clean and disinfect animal buildings and pens, and allow them to dry, before moving animals onto the grounds. Follow label directions and safety instructions for mixing and using disinfectants.
2. Limit comingling of animals from different herds or flocks to the extent possible. Exhibition spaces should be designed to limit contact between animals with physical separation (such as tarps) provided to the extent possible.
3. Manage the number of animals in each pen or coop to avoid overcrowding and overheating.
4. Minimize animal stress by ensuring animals are housed so that they have good ventilation and access to fresh, clean water, feed, and bedding.
5. Identify an isolation area before animals arrive and move sick animals to this area as soon as they are identified.
6. Keep dust to a minimum.
7. Maintain rodent and insect control programs in the barns which are safe for exhibitors, visitors, and exhibit animals.
8. Manage water run-off and avoid allowing standing water in the barns.
9. For lactating dairy cattle, identify and enforce protocols for safely discarding milk from sick cows.

Exhibitors and General Public:

1. Encourage exhibitors to practice good biosecurity at the event and when returning home with their animals.
2. Provide every exhibitor with a show manager's cell phone number to report concerns throughout the event.
3. Maintain handwashing stations and signage (as required by the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Title 3, Chapter 25) for exhibitors and the public, and encourage frequent handwashing, especially after handling animals and before eating.
4. Discourage eating and drinking in the animal areas.
5. Discourage the general public and exhibitors from bringing any other animals with the exception of service animals into the exhibition animal areas.

Judging areas:

1. Clean and disinfect judging areas, and allow them to dry, before judging begins.
2. Remove animal manure between groups and store it properly in the designated manure area.
3. Keep dust to a minimum.
4. Manage water run-off and avoid having any standing water in the judging area. If using water to control dust, the water applicator, whether it be a water truck, sprinkler, or hose, must be properly adjusted to apply an appropriate amount of water to ensure standing water is not an issue.
5. Set up the judging area, including the waiting area, to avoid nose-to-nose contact between animals.

Animal Weight Scales:

Clean and disinfect scales used for weighing market animals as needed.

Wash areas:

1. Clean and disinfect designated wash areas, and allow them to dry, before the animals arrive.
2. Maintain sufficient water drainage to avoid having standing water in the wash area.
3. Ensure that animal manure is removed promptly and stored properly in the designated manure area.

Milking & Milking Equipment:

1. Minimize the number of animals from separate premises in the milking area at one time and maintain as much distance between animals as possible to limit nose to nose contact between animals with physical separation (such as tarps) provided to the extent possible.
2. Encourage exhibitors to bring and use their own milking equipment.
3. Ensure all milk spills are cleaned up immediately and disposed of properly.
4. If communal milking equipment is used at the exhibition:

Clean and sanitize the milking claws after each animal (or group of animals if multiple animals are from the same farm) using the following steps:

Step 1: Rinse the claws in warm water (100-110 degrees F) to remove any organic material.

Step 2: Submerge the claws completely in a container of disinfectant effective against influenza A virus, adhering to label directions for mixing and contact time.

Step 3: Rinse the claws in fresh warm water.

Step 4: Hang the claws to drip dry.

Unloading areas:

1. Clean and disinfect the docks used for unloading, and allow them to dry, before the animals arrive.
2. Maintain sufficient water drainage to avoid having standing water in the unloading areas.
3. Ensure that animal manure is removed promptly and stored properly in the designated manure area.

Trailers and Trailer Parking areas:

Ensure that animal manure and bedding which falls out of the trailers is removed promptly after unloading and is stored properly in the designated manure area..

Manure Management:

Ensure that animal manure is stored properly in the designated manure area, which is in an area not used by visitors, easily accessible to exhibitors, and in an area with no liquid run-off. Fly and rodent control should be in place.

Keeping Your Show Animals Healthy-Biosecurity Guidelines for Exhibitors—2024

A show can be stressful for your animals. Transportation, unfamiliar housing, new sources of water, new noises, being around different animals, etc. can all cause stress. Stress causes physical changes in their bodies, and their immune systems can be affected, making them more susceptible to becoming sick and spreading disease to other animals. You need to be proactive to protect your animals. The following guidelines can be used to help you do this.

BEFORE THE SHOW

Keep your animals healthy:

- Have your animals checked on at least an annual basis by a veterinarian, and contact your veterinarian anytime you think an animal is acting “off”. You know your animals better than anyone else does.
- Check the animal health requirements and recommendations of the show so you are prepared.
- Follow your veterinarian’s recommendations for vaccinations for each animal. Vaccinate far enough in advance so your animals are protected before the show and maintain records of any vaccinations and testing done prior to the show.

Biosecurity is critical:

- Biosecurity is defined as procedures intended to protect animals or people against disease.
- If your animals are showing signs of illness, or have been exposed to sick animals, keep them home and call your veterinarian.
- If you raise multiple species of poultry, it is recommended that waterfowl are kept separate and apart from other poultry in a biosecure manner.
- Before the show, make sure the truck and trailer are visibly clean and sanitary.
- Before packing up for the show, make sure your tack box and any stall equipment has been cleaned and disinfected.
- Take only clean tack to the show.

DURING THE SHOW

- Keep copies of certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs), vaccination records, and test results readily available.
- Keep your animals’ stalls or pens clean and dry and dispose of manure in the proper location.
- Monitor your animals closely for any signs of illness and report any concerns to the show manager or veterinarian.
- Sick animals should be immediately removed from the exhibition and moved to the designated temporary isolation area, and should be removed from the exhibition site as soon as possible. Isolate all animals when they are returned to the farm.
- Keep your animals cool to avoid overheating.
- Maintain good ventilation in the stall or pen—use fans placed outside of the animals’ reach if necessary and if allowed by the show management.
- Avoid nose-to-nose contact between your animals and other exhibitors’ animals.
- Don’t share equipment, feed or water buckets, or tack with other exhibitors.
- Don’t use shared equipment in a wash area or milking area, and try to keep your animals from touching walls or tie chains that other animals have touched.
- Follow the event protocols for handling milk from lactating cows.

- Always keep clean, fresh water available to your animals.
- Keep dust to a minimum.
- Prevent the public and other exhibitors from touching or feeding your animals.
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently, to protect your animals and for your own safety.
- Avoid eating or drinking in the animal area.

AFTER THE SHOW

- Isolate any animals that were at the show from the rest of your animals at home for at least 30 days for livestock and 3 weeks for poultry, and watch them carefully for any signs of illness.
- Care for the animals that were at the show after you care for the other animals, and always wear clean clothing and shoes or boots to care for the other animals.
- Don't share equipment between the animal groups during the isolation period.
- Consult a health care provider and your state or local public health department if exhibitors or family members develop influenza-like illness (e.g., eye inflammation, fever or chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, tiredness, and/or vomiting and diarrhea).

OWNER ENDORSED AVIAN HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND BIOSECURITY STATEMENT

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OWNER ENDORSED AVIAN HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND BIOSECURITY STATEMENT **2024**

Introduction: Highly pathogenic avian influenza is a fatal and contagious disease of poultry, and has led to the loss of more than 65 million birds in the US since 2022. The virus causing this disease can be spread by infected poultry, on poultry products such as feathers and eggs, on clothing and other fomites such as packing materials, and through the air. However, if all protocols for reducing the risk of spreading disease are followed, certain poultry, feathers and eggs may be exhibited, at the Department's discretion.

A completed Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement must accompany all avian species (including poultry), eggs, and feathers to a Pennsylvania exhibition. The certificate must be presented to exhibition management prior to cooping of all avian species or displaying of eggs or feathers. This form must be endorsed with the bird, egg, or feather owner's signature.

Avian. Related to birds.

Poultry. The term "poultry" includes all domesticated fowl, including chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl, and game birds (pheasants, partridge, quail, grouse, and guineas); but excludes doves, pigeons, psittacine and passerine birds.

As established in the current *Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animal Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition*, an Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement must accompany avian species and poultry products to all animal exhibitions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The following information is required:

1. Exhibition Information:

a. Name of exhibition: _____

b. Address of exhibition: _____

Street, Route, or Box Number

City

State

Zip

2. Owner Information:

a. Owner name: _____

b. Owner address: _____

Street, Route, or Box Number

City

State

Zip

c. Owner telephone number: (____) _____

d. Owner email address: _____

3. Requirements for Exhibition of Feathers, Eggs, and Poultry in Pennsylvania

a. Ornamental Feathers:

(i) Sourced in the United States.

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- (ii) Ornamental feathers sourced from poultry to be entered into a competition or used to produce jewelry or other items to be exhibited/sold shall be free of visible manure, litter, or other debris.
- (iii) Transport container shall have been cleaned and disinfected before being used to transport feathers to the exhibition.
- (iv) An Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) shall accompany the feathers. If a CVI is used, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also accompany the feathers.
- (v) Ornamental feathers to be entered into a competition or used to produce jewelry or other items to be exhibited/sold shall originate from a flock which is not known to be infected with avian influenza. This requirement can be met by using one of the following methods:
 - (aa) Ornamental feathers sourced from poultry shall originate from a flock which had a negative AI test (see testing requirements for poultry below (section c) within the 14 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The feathers shall be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable). OR
 - (bb) Ornamental feathers sourced from poultry to be entered into a competition or used to produce jewelry or other items to be exhibited/sold shall be clean, and held in a clean area separate from poultry or other poultry products for at least 120 days at a minimum of 68 degrees Fahrenheit before exhibition. The date the feathers were moved to a holding area, along with the holding temperature, shall be included on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement.

b. Unfertilized Poultry Eggs for Exhibition:

- (i) Eggs shall be washed and sanitized in a 100-200 ppm chlorine solution or other EPA-approved disinfectant which is effective in destroying influenza virus, and dried before being placed in a carton.
- (ii) Eggs shall be packaged in a new cardboard or Styrofoam carton or in a plastic carton which was cleaned, disinfected, and dried, for entry into an event.
- (iii) An Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) shall accompany the eggs. If a CVI is used, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also accompany the eggs.
- (iv) The source flock shall have had a negative AI test (see testing requirements for poultry below (section c) within the 14 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.

c. Poultry for Exhibition:

- (i) Poultry may be exhibited only if they will be moved immediately after judging directly to a facility for slaughter from the show grounds. All poultry exhibited in Pennsylvania at Department sponsored or funded exhibitions shall move as all-in and all-out directly to a Department or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) licensed slaughter facility following the animal exhibition and may not be diverted to premises other than a recognized slaughter establishment.
- (ii) Arrival, exhibition and departure of the poultry shall occur within a 72-hour window. The 72 hours begin when the first poultry arrive on the show grounds, whether unloaded or not, and ends when the last poultry physically leave the premises in a vehicle.
- (iii) All poultry entering a show shall be identified with official Department leg bands.
- (iv) An Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) shall accompany the poultry. If a CVI is used, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also accompany the poultry.

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- (v) All poultry on the show grounds shall be monitored for signs of illness, and any signs of illness shall be reported to the Department immediately (717-772-2852).
- (vi) All poultry on the show grounds shall be displayed behind barriers such as ropes to prevent public access to the poultry, with signage to prevent the public from crossing the barrier.
- (vii) Conveyances shall be cleaned and disinfected before loading to transport poultry to the show, and after returning to the premises of origin.
- (viii) **Avian Influenza Testing and Verification:**
 - (aa) All samples shall be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or a Category II Accredited Veterinarian and shall be tested in a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.
 - (bb) All poultry for exhibition shall originate from a flock in which a random, representative sample of a minimum of 30 birds, 3 weeks of age or older, were tested for avian influenza within the 14 days prior to opening date of the exhibition.
 - (cc) For waterfowl, cloacal swab samples shall be collected for testing. Swabs from geese and ducks may not be combined in the same tube for testing.
 - (dd) For chickens, turkeys, game birds, and ratites, blood samples (AGID testing) or tracheal or oropharyngeal swab samples (PCR testing) are acceptable samples. Samples from more than one species may not be combined in the same tube for testing.
 - (ee) The poultry shall be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable). Test results shall be negative.
 - (ff) If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds of age.
 - (gg) Untested birds shall not be comingled with or added to the tested flock after negative samples have been collected and before the show.

4. Verification of avian health status: All poultry for exhibition and all source flocks for eggs and feathers being exhibited or displayed are free from evidence of infectious and contagious diseases.

5. Verification of biosecurity: Biosecurity measures for all feathers, eggs, and poultry being exhibited or displayed include:

- (i) A biosecurity plan is followed on the premises where the source flock is located, to include at minimum:
 - (aa) Visitors to bird areas are restricted.
 - (bb) Anyone visiting the poultry area should have clean clothing and should have used hand sanitizer or washed their hands before handling poultry or poultry products.
 - (cc) Designated footwear or footwear that has been cleaned and disinfected is worn in the poultry area. A clear line of separation exists at the entrance to the poultry area.
- (ii) All feathers and eggs are maintained apart from the poultry flock prior to entry into the exhibition.
- (iii) All conveyances, including transport vehicles, coops, crates, boxes, and other containers used to transport animals or products to the show are cleaned to be free of visible manure, litter, or other debris.
- (iv) All coops, crates, boxes, and other containers used to transport animals or products to the show shall be disinfected with a product effective against the avian influenza virus and allowed to dry before use.
- (v) All exhibitors should follow the biosecurity guidelines: *Keeping Your Show Animals Healthy-Guidelines for Exhibitors* (11/28/23).

6. Owner Endorsement:

I certify that the above information represents a true and accurate statement regarding my bird(s), eggs, or feathers, and their home flock(s). I further attest and affirm that a "veterinarian client patient relationship" – as that phrase is defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law found at 3

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Pa.C.S.A. § 2501 *et seq.* and any amendments thereto – “exists with regard to any avian species and products which I will be exhibiting”.

7. Owner Printed Name: _____

8. Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

To report illness or mortality in your flock, call the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at **717-772-2852**. Forms are available on the Department website at www.agriculture.pa.gov.

VCPR Form

**Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification
of Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship**

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:

1. I am the owner or caretaker of the animal(s) listed. Use additional sheets as necessary.

Official Animal ID/Other ID (list all IDs, including name*)	Breed	Sex	Age	Species	Vaccines/Tests (include name of test or product, date, results, etc.)

*If the animal has no official ID, please include a description, including color and all markings.

2. I have an established, ongoing "veterinarian-client-patient relationship" for the animal(s) described in the preceding paragraph with

_____ (print veterinarian's name), a licensed practitioner of veterinary medicine having the following business address:

3. I understand this ongoing "veterinarian-client-patient relationship" to be a relationship in which the veterinarian named in the preceding paragraph has assumed the responsibility for making veterinary medical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) described above and the need for veterinary medical treatment of said animal(s), and in which I, as owner and/or caretaker of the animal(s), have agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian in relation to animal diseases.

4. I attest and affirm that a "veterinarian client patient relationship," as that phrase is defined in the Veterinary Medical Practice Act, which is set forth below, exists with regards to the animals identified above in this form and for all animals I will be exhibiting.

I verify the foregoing to be accurate. I make the foregoing statement subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities). In witness of this, I have signed and dated this verification below. If the owner/caretaker is under 18 years of age, the signature of a parent/guardian is required.

Printed Name of Owner/Caretaker

Signature of Owner/Caretaker

Date

Address of Owner/Caretaker

Phone number of Owner/Caretaker

If the Owner/Caretaker is under 18 years of age:

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Address of Parent/Guardian

Phone number of Parent/Guardian

Veterinarian verification:

I, the undersigned, hereby verify that I have a **Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship** as defined below with the animal(s) and owner/caretaker identified on this form.

Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship. As defined in the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medicine Practice Act (act of December 27, 1974, P.L. 995, No. 326, § 3, as amended)(3 P.S. § 485.3), "means a relationship satisfying all of the following conditions: (i) the veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making veterinary medical judgments regarding the health of an animal and the need for veterinary medical treatment, and the client, owner or caretaker of the animal has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian; (ii) the veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general, preliminary or tentative diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal; (iii) the veterinarian is acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal by virtue of an examination of the animal or medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept; (iv) the veterinarian is available for consultation in cases of adverse reactions to or failure of the regimen of therapy; (v) the veterinarian maintains records on the animal examined in accordance with regulations established by the board.

Printed Name of Veterinarian

Signature of Veterinarian

Date

Phone number of Veterinarian

Practice Name

License number